

REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed the office action mailed January 12, 2006, and offers the following remarks to accompany the above amendments. Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 2-12 are allowed and that claims 14-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 13 to more clearly define the claimed invention.

Claim 18 has been amended to reflect that the subset identifiers indicated as “iii)” and “iv)” should be “i)” and “ii)”. No new matter is added.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogawa in view of Itoh. Applicant respectfully traverses. To establish *prima facie* obviousness, the Patent Office must show where each and every element of the claim is taught or suggested in the combination of references. The combination of Ogawa and Itoh fails to teach or suggest each and every element of the claimed invention.

In particular, neither Ogawa, Itoh, nor the combination of Ogawa and Itoh mention editing the objects within a slide show. The only time the term slide show is mentioned in either of the references is in the description of the related arts of Ogawa wherein it is stated that “[t]he user can arrange these samples or capture moving video objects using Quick Time or some other program to visualize ideas or to confirm the result on a slide show...” (Ogawa, col. 2, lines 22-25). There is simply no suggestion of creating a slide show of objects and then subsequently editing the objects of the slide show.

As such, element “a” of claim 13, which states “creating a slide show from randomly selected ones of the heterogeneous media objects stored in a hand-held image capture device...” is not taught or suggested in Ogawa or Itoh. There is no mention of creating a slide show group or creating a slide show from objects stored on a hand-held image capture device.

Element “b” of claim 13 states “in response to a user editing the slide show, displaying a slide show edit screen, wherein a representation of each media object comprising the slide show is displayed on the display screen.” Neither Ogawa nor Itoh discloses editing a slide show or displaying a slide show edit screen where a representation of each of the media objects within the slide show is displayed.

Element “c” of claim 13 has been amended to clarify that the objects being randomly selected are those of the slide show. As such, element “c” of claim 13 states “enabling a user to

randomly select media objects of the slide show to edit.” Neither Ogawa nor Itoh teach or suggest selecting objects within a slideshow.

Element “d” of claim 13 has been amended to state “enabling the user to edit the selected media object’s content on the hand-held image capture device.” Neither Ogawa nor Itoh allow a user to edit objects of the slide show, let alone edit selected objects of the slide show on the hand-held image capture device.

In essence, the Patent Office has a duty to specifically point out where each and every element of a claim is shown in the cited combination of references. In the present application, the Patent Office is trying to combine Itoh, which provides a very basic editing feature in an electronic camera, with Ogawa, which is a computer-based multimedia editor. With respect to the claimed invention, the details with regards to editing objects, which form a slide show on a digital camera are not disclosed. Further, providing representations of the objects of the slide show for the user to select when a particular object requires editing, is also not disclosed.

In light of the amendments and the preceding remarks, each of the pending claims 2-18 are now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant’s representative regarding any remaining issues in an effort to expedite allowance and issuance of the present application.

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